41729. Pyrus salicifolia Pall. Malaceæ. Willow-leaved pear.

From the Caucasus. Presented by Mr. Theodore Kryshtofovich, Russian Government Agricultural Commissioner. Received January 12, 1916.

"It is the most ornamental of all true pears. Its leaves and flowers often open simultaneously, and it then presents a very charming picture, the willow-like leaves being of a conspicuous silky white." (W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, p. 292.)

See S. P. I. No. 40497 for previous introduction.

41730. VACCINIUM OVATUM Pursh. Vacciniaceæ. Huckleberry.

From Ucluelet, Vancouver Island, B. C. Collected by Mr. David Fairchild, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received January 12, 1916.

An evergreen shrub of bushy habit, 10 to 12 feet high in England. Leaves small, of firm leathery texture, dark glossy green above, paler beneath, nearly smooth. Flowers produced in September, four to six together in short, nodding racemes from the leaf axils, white, roundish, bell shaped; berry black. Native of western North America. While hardy enough to survive the hardest winters experienced at Kew, it often suffers in severe frost through the cutting back of the younger growth. At Bearwood, in Berkshire, there is a specimen 10 to 12 feet high, which is one of the finest in the country. It is a handsome bush when seen at its best. (Adapted from W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, p. 628.)

41731 to 41743.

From India. Presented by Mr. A. C. Hartless, superintendent, Government Botanic Gardens, Scharunpur. Received January 12, 1916. Descriptive notes by Mr. Hartless.

41731 to 41736. Amygdalus Persica L. Amygdalaceæ. Peach. (Prunus persica Stokes.)

41731. "Mixed. From Quetta."

- 41732. "White Kashmiri. From Kashmir. Ripens about two weeks after the early variety Silver peach [S. P. I. No. 41734]. An indigenous variety, pulp sweet, but the fruit is somewhat smaller than Large Red. It is grown from seed."
- 41733. "Seharunpur or Country. From Seharunpur. Similar to Hardoi [S. P. I. No. 41738] and Large Agra [S. P. I. No. 41740], varying according to the localities in which they are grown."
- 41734. "Silver peach. From Kashmir. Early variety. White skin; large fruit, sweet in taste. A grafted foreign variety."
- 41735. "Large Red. From Kashmir. Ripens two weeks after Large Red [S. P. I. No. 41736]. The skin and pulp are both red. Commonly known as Scharunpur. Grafted."
- 41736. "Large Red. From Kashmir. The skin and pulp are both red. Early variety. Commonly known as Scharunpur."
- 41737. AMYGDALUS PERSICA PLATYCARPA (Decaisne) Rickef. Amygda-(Prunus persica platycarpa Bailey.) [laceæ. Peach.
- "Flat China peach, or Peen-to. From Seharunpur. A peculiar Chinese variety, very hardy and of fair quality."

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